

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JUNE 23, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Fenn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Mark M. Fenn, Councilmembers David Lambert, Nick Maldonado and Al Sacco.
Absent were: Vice Mayor John Lodzinski, Councilmember Jo Deen Boncquet and Lori McGoffin.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Fenn opened the public hearing to receive comments and questions from the public regarding the proposed City of Benson Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Tax Levy at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Fenn indicated Mr. Grafues signed up but wished to speak at the public hearing regarding the Tentative Budget. Mayor Fenn then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak at this public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Tax Levy. After receiving no comments from the public, Mayor Fenn closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Fenn opened the public hearing to receive comments and questions from the public regarding the City of Benson Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Tentative Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan for 2011-2016 at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Fenn stated Mr. Don Grafues had signed up to speak, asking Mr. Grafues to come forward. Mr. Grafues then addressed Council stating he was a resident of St. David, but had a lot of affection in his heart for Benson, as well an interest because he is president of the Benson Chamber and is also the Vice President of San Pedro River Arts Council. Mr. Grafues then stated Finance Director Jim Cox spoke about the City's budget at the Chamber's Third Thursday breakfast and did an excellent job. Mr. Grafues then stated when he looked at the economy and how other cities in the area that are struggling with layoffs and furloughs and such, he is really, really impressed that the City is as fiscally sound as it seems to be. Mr. Grafues then thanked City staff and the City Council expressing his gratitude for their leadership of the City and thanked them for everything they have done. Mayor Fenn then thanked Mr. Grafues for his comments. Mayor Fenn then asked Mr. Cook, who had arrived, if he wished to speak regarding the Tax Levy or the Tentative Budget. Mr. Cook declined. No other members of the public were present. Mayor Fenn then closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Sacco moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Maldonado. Motion passed 4-0.

Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk